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Sins of the Jailed Parents Also Make Children Suffer

By Eric Ture Muhammad
Special to the NNPA from the
Final Call

WASHINGTON (NNPA)- She has never committed a crime, nor spent one day in jail, but 31-year-old Tanya King spent her entire childhood in a kind of prison. She was born a child of incarcerated parents and suffered severely.

Isolation, resentment and ridicule were just a few of the burdens she experienced in a life torn from loved ones, with no explanation for why things were this way and why she was not to blame.

"As a child of the incarcerated, I can tell you, it is still an issue for me," King admitted to The Final Call in an interview. "I can tell you that growing up, I was embarrassed, angry and ashamed. As a kid, I didn't know what I was going through and nobody could tell me. Family members and their friends told me I was ugly. I was too dark, or my hair was too coarse, or my parents are convicts. If I had someone there for me, as I now am there for others, it might have been easier to deal with."

The new movie, "Antwon Fisher," directed by and star-

ring Denzel Washington, chronicles the struggle, pain and ultimate triumph of a Black man actually born in prison.

King heads the Maryland-based Project Jamani, which provides mentoring programs for children of the incarcerated and their care-providers. For the last two years, she has mentored more than 60 children and teens, helping them to cope, as she had to learn, with the lives they were given. She helps youth find self-esteem and search out the options to keep them from becoming victims of incarceration themselves.

"One of the greater challenges Project Jamani now faces is helping parents who re-enter society after spending so much time in prison. They have to be taught how to live outside confinement. And oftentimes, it is the child becoming the parent and now instructing the elder," she said.

According to statistics gathered last summer at the National Summit on Incarceration and Its Impact on African American Families, there are at least 1.6 million children who currently have one or both parents in prison.

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In the Spirit of Thurgood Marshall



Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund honors New Jersey legal and corporate leaders — Pictured from (l to r) Joe J. Johnson, Corporate Development Officer at MercedesBenz USA, Karol Corbin Walker, Esq., Partner at St. John & Wayne, L.L.C.; Peter C. Harvey, Acting New Jersey Attorney General and the honorable Sharpe James, Mayor of the City of Newark. The Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund (TMSF), uniquely supports students attending five law schools along with 45 Public Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Newark prepared to meet War's challenge

Responding to the outbreak of war with Iraq and the threat of terrorism at home, the City of Newark has taken proactive measures to ensure the safety of its residents and the security of its major facilities.

"We have planned, prepared, and drilled for the day we hoped would not happen," said Mayor Sharpe James. "No one wants war or terror. But no one knows when and where tragedy may strike. So New Jersey's largest city is ready and

proud to meet the challenge of protecting our liberty and freedom."

In accordance with extensive prewar planning, much of it done well before September 11, 2001, the city has enhanced police security at major facilities, identified emergency shelters, inoculated city health workers against smallpox, and placed other workers on standby for emergencies.

"There is no reason for people to panic," said Robert

Swales, Director of Emergency Management. "Continue with your normal routine, don't change your lifestyle or activities. But be aware of your surroundings and be prepared as you would be for a storm or blizzard."

The City's measures include the following:

- The phone number established after September 11 for residents with information or questions about domestic

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TEN YEARS Later, Reflections on Arthur Ashe

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. - He never saw Venus and Serena dominate the tennis court. He never saw the current day success of the grass roots USA Tennis National Junior Tennis League (NJTL) organization he co-founded in 1969. But Arthur Ashe's legacy lives on in the Williams sisters, as well as past, present and future African-American professional tennis players - from Zina Garrison, Malivai Washington, James Blake and Chanda Rubin to Jamea Jackson and Phillip Simmonds.

Ten years after Arthur Ashe passed away on February 6, 1993, the mere mention of him still elicits feelings of reverence and reflection. His name, syn-

onymous with integrity, dignity and class, graces the stadium at the USA National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y. His USA Tennis NJTL program is flourishing and Arthur Ashe Kids' Day Presented by Aetna has evolved into an annual star-studded kickoff to the US Open, raising more than \$2.5 million over the past six years.

Ashe was one of tennis' greatest ambassadors both on and off the court. He was the first African-American man to win the US Open in 1968 and went on to win 33 titles in his career including the Australian Open in 1970 and Wimbledon in 1975. Off the court, Ashe worked tirelessly to eliminate racism and poverty around the



Legend Arthur Ashe



Venus Williams



Serena Williams

world, particularly in segregated South Africa. He also devoted countless time and effort to creating tennis oppor-

tunities for youngsters from all backgrounds.

In 1969, Ashe co-founded the USA Tennis NJTL program

to provide economically disadvantaged youth the opportunity to learn tennis. Today, the pro-

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Newark prepared to meet War's challenge

security is still operational. It is (866) 344-7695.

- The Newark Police Department has increased security measures at a number of locations that have been identified as potential terrorist targets. These locations are being kept confidential.

- The city has received \$10 million federal Homeland Security block grants to enhance its efforts to protect the city from terrorism and attack.

- Police Officers have been stationed at entrances to City Hall and all persons entering the building must present photo identification.

- The department's Home-land Security Division under Capt. Guy Hamstra has trained extensively in preparation for possible terrorist activity, including training on explosive and chemical devices.

- Federal Homeland Security block grants have enabled the Newark Police Department to purchase needed equipment, including 29 new police cars, two prisoner transport vehicles, a speedboat for the Passaic River, an emergency services truck, and a portable observation tower.

- Police personnel have been briefed on their responsibility to protect the civil rights of all Newark residents and to protect individuals of Middle Eastern descent from bias crimes.

- The Fire Department has a well-equipped and trained HAZMAT team, capable of addressing chemical, radiological, or biological incidents. It also has a heavy rescue unit. This unit is capable of rappelling and confined space rescue operations.

- The Department of Health and Human Services has inoculated its workers against smallpox and will be moving to inoculate the city's emergency response workers.

- The department has also developed a coordinated response plan with the five Newark and seven regional hospitals and other communities in case of a chemical, biological, nuclear, radiological, or explosive event.

- Guards at Department of Water and Sewer Utilities reservoirs and watersheds are patrolling these sites 24 hours a day. They are backed up by local police and State Police.

- Water control and assurance systems are being used to check for potential toxins or radiological hazards.

- The Division of Sanitation has its vehicles and personnel on standby for use to support other city agencies as needed, in fields that may include environmental cleanup of toxins.

- The Newark Public Schools, following state man-

dates, has implemented evacuation and lockdown plans for every school. City agencies will support schools in the event either are necessary.

- While the City no longer has bomb shelters, three city schools have been approved by the American Red Cross to be used as emergency shelters: These are Central High, Malcolm X Shabazz High, and Weequahic High. Three other schools are pending approval: Barringer High, East Side High, and West Side High.

In addition, Newark has extensive liaison with other communities, county, state, federal agencies, and private and nonprofit organizations, including the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. These groups are part of the city's

Emergency Planning Committee and work with the city's Homeland Security Committee, which are both headed by Swales.

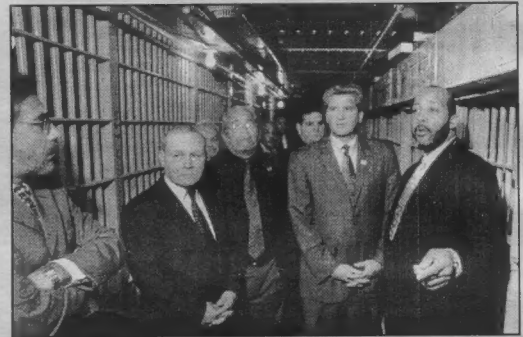
"Newark is a city of great importance to our nation, with five colleges, the East Coast's greatest seaport, Newark Liberty International Airport, and our dynamic population and economy," James said. "We are determined to protect these important people and facilities from enemy attack. "Working with our many partners in the public and private sector, we are taking a proactive and holistic approach to guarding our beloved city. We will not live in fear, but in safety. We will not hide in terror, but walk tall with pride. We will protect the city we love and call home."

Glenn Frieson's Photo Album

On tour with new Essex County Executive
Joe DiVincenzo



Presidential hopeful Senator John Kerry (second from left) joins Essex County Democrats Joseph DiVincenzo, County Executive; Jon Corzine, U.S. Senator and Donald Payne, U.S. Congressman.



New County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo toured the Essex County jail with Warden Keith Ali and Assemblyman Bill Payne.



Rev. Reginald Jackson attends a press conference with County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo announcing changes in citizen services for the county of Essex.

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National Briefs

BLACK-WHITE EARNINGS GAP WIDENING

(Special to the NNPA)—The financial gap between Blacks and Whites has remained the same, as White men continue to out earn Blacks by as much as 30 percent.

The findings, released by the U.S. Census, reveals that a White man with a college diploma earns about \$65,000 annually, or 30 percent more than his Black counterpart.

Differences in incomes were slightly lower on other educational levels among White men and minorities. For instance, Black men who are high school graduates earned about 25 percent less than comparably educated Whites, and Black men who held master's degrees earned 20 percent less than their White counterparts.

The report shows that income gaps have risen between Whites and minorities over the past decade; however, experts agree that the reason Whites make more money is attributed to greater access to higher education. According to the report, more than 29 percent of Whites are college graduates, compared to 17 percent of African-Americans.

BREAST CANCER FOUND IN BLACK WOMEN WITH FOUR-PLUS CHILDREN

(Special to the NNPA)—Black women who have four or more children have a higher risk of developing breast cancer before the age of 45, according to researchers.

The study, conducted by Julie Palmer of Boston University, found that breast cancer in Black women before the age of 45 was twice as high among women with at least four children. After age 45, opposite results were found.

Palmer and her colleagues obtained their findings after following almost 60,000 African-American women from 1995 to 1999. The women were enrolled in the Black Women's Health Study, the first large-scale epidemiologic study of the health of African-American women.

During the study, 349 participants developed breast cancer, including 128 who were younger than 45.

During pregnancy, women experience a transient rise in estrogen, which can increase a woman's risk of breast cancer while she is relatively young, Palmer noted.

However, pregnancy can also cause cellular changes in breast tissue that may protect a woman from breast cancer once she reaches 45, the researcher said.

Kwabena Sagidi Rasuli Jijaga
United African Movement

Last week, well over 100 years after the last enslaved African had been transported to the Western World, a terrible thing happened at the slave dungeon in Cape Coast, Ghana, West Afrika. Black Entertainment Television, founded by billionaire Robert Johnson and now owned by Viacom, organized a Jazz Concert. This concert took place in one of the largest slave dungeons located on the west coast of Afrika (over 50 total with over 40 located in Ghana) but not without protest from many Afrikans in Ghana and throughout the world.

The Abibiman presented an appeal letter to the concert organizers, the Ghana Media and the Tourism Ministries. This letter accurately laid out why the slave dungeons were inappropriate places to hold concerts (where people party and forget about the ills of the past). The letter also proposed three alternative sites (all available) in Cape Coast, where a Jazz Concert would have been appropriate. Members of the Abibiman discussed the issue on Choice FM in Accra, with host Nii Lante Bruce. On hand during the discussion was Ghana Chair of the Commission on Culture, Professor Hagen. The Abibiman asked professor Hagan to come up with policy that would include rules and regulations on 'what can and cannot' plus 'what is and is not'

an appropriate event in the slave dungeon. The professor promised to act on the request, stating that he too, was not in favor of these types of activities taking place in the slave dungeon and had he known about the event ahead of time he would have done whatever he could have to stop the event.

On Thursday evening, the Abibiman representing the ancestors went to the dungeon in Cape Coast in a silent protest of the concert. We noted people smiling and dancing, enjoying the concert. One of the guest said that Angela Bofil did sing her classics, "This time I'll be Sweeter," and "I Try" in the dungeon. This is just one example of what we mean by an inappropriate location and an insult to our ancestors. Never again must we allow this to take place.

Looking back at the network that put on this concert. BET. Though sell-out Robert Johnson sold out long before Viacom purchased BET, Viacom is a European company. This European company was allowed to put on a Jazz Concert produced by BET. Sound familiar doesn't it. Oh yeah, the slave traders were only able to take slaves because they were being sold to them by other Afrikans. You see if you don't learn from your past you are bound to repeat it. This is a prime case. Europeans are once again using Afrikans to abuse and disrespect each other. They don't even have to be there. They don't have to call us ni**** anymore, we will do it



Some 10 million Africans were sold into slavery between the 1500s and 1800s, bartered by their own tribal kings and chiefs to European traders for such novelties as gunpowder, alcohol and mirrors. Many were held in castle dungeons along the West African coast before being marched out to slave ships that sailed for the Americas and Europe. The castles were built by the Portuguese and Swedes as seaside trading forts and later also were used by Dutch and British colonialists. They have been named World Heritage Sites by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

ourselves. They don't have to chop off our limbs anymore in the Congo for the rubber. We will do it for bling bling (jewels) to each other today. They don't have to bother with colonialism. They get the same benefits, privileges and less trouble by installing puppet leaders and having French Summits to deal with African problems. In other words Neocolonialism/Neoslavery. The Abibiman are asking all Afrikans in the mamaland and throughout the Diaspora to demand that concerts and other celebrations dis-

respecting our ancestors not be held in the slave dungeons of Afrika. These are our sacred hollow ground and must be respected as that. We send this plea out to: The African Union, Global African Congress, TransAfrika, AWRRTC, United African Movement, Pan-African Congress, All African Peoples Revolutionary Party and all other progressive African organizations, movements, etc. that are about uplifting the conditions of Afrikans throughout the Globe.

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Each week, CITY NEWS helps to preserve the struggles, achievements, issues and dreams of black people for the annals of history, linking the past and future, helping to pave the way for a better tomorrow.

Editorial

Why are we really fighting this war?"

According to a recent article in a daily newspaper, this war we are waging with Saddam Hussein was advocated long before September 11. At the time, an elite group of far right politicians were attempting to push then President Clinton into a war with Iraq. There was no fear of weapons of mass destruction. Instead, it was the philosophy of this group to attack nations they deemed detrimental to the growth of our country's needs: Iraq, Iran and North Korea which had already been the target of the group and recently referred to by President Bush as the "Axis of Evil."

It is no coincidence that this same group of men, members of the Project for a New American Century, now hold positions of power in the Bush administration.

September 11 gave this group the ammunition it needed to carry out their plan for a new world order.

Like Pearl Harbor, Americans were ready to defend our country, so we gave our support to invade and attack Afghanistan, the home and hiding place of those who took down the World Trade Centers and the Pentagon.

Unlike Pearl Harbor, the American people do not know who the enemy is. We fight with Iraq but it was Saudi Nationals who flew the planes. We have a war that has not been sanctioned by Congress and we have a few known men who have an agenda that serves their needs and their needs only.

It is no wonder Secretary of State Colin Powell's push for diplomacy along with major heads of State throughout the world fell on deaf ears. The men behind this war had longed for an offensive that would set into motion their plan for domination or as they use the code word "New World Order."

With the knowledge of the existence of this group, the question Americans should be asking is "who will stop this push to annihilate not only our "enemy" but ourselves."

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African-American Friendly Fire: The Weak Link in the All-Volunteer Army

By Lloyd Williams

"If I could have convinced more slaves that they were slaves, I could have freed thousands more."

— Harriet Tubman

"If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it people will eventually come to believe it."

— Joseph Goebbels
(Nazi Minister of Propaganda)

Usually, the public opinion pollsters just love to show how differently black and white America feel about the latest hot-button issue. But for some reason, when it comes to Iraq, nobody has released any race-based statistics. All they announced this time is that Americans overwhelmingly support President Bush, who has been enjoying a 70%

approval rating since his declaration of war on Iraq.

I suspect that most African-Americans actually oppose America's invasion and we're already seeing early evidence of that. First a black Marine allegedly tossed grenades into the tents of his superiors. Then, the grieving father of the first black fatality in Iraq angrily excoriated the President on camera, shouting, "George Bush, take a good look at this man," pointing at a photograph, "because you took my only son away from me."

I understand that it may be important to the administration to convey a united image to the rest of the world, while trying to keep truly representative African-American voices off the airwaves. Still, the truth is that black people have far too many unresolved issues here at home to be per-

sued by the patriotic, TV Uncle Toms that waging war against Iraq is in their best interest.

Common sense says that dropping a trillion dollars worth of bombs means that less tax dollars will be available for education, jobs and housing. With that same money, America could bulldoze the ghettos and implement a long-overdue plan for urban renewal. That is the essence of why the black community is against the war.

And you can factor in the rate of black males turning to Islam which continues to skyrocket, because of the ever-increasing rate of incarceration. Today, the prisons are the religion's primary recruiting ground, resonating with lost souls already discarded by society, ala Malcolm X, who found his identity and purpose after converting

behind bars.

Harlem Congressman Charles Rangel has called for the re-institution of the draft because the "volunteer" army is disproportionately filled with many members of minority groups. Many who can't find work turn to the Armed Forces to survive, not really having the luxury of contemplating the possibility of combat. Similarly, for many a perpetrator, the option of enlisting is a lenient judge's alternative to a long sentence up the river.

So is it any surprise that African-American dissent would be the weak link in America's all-mercenary Army?

Attorney Lloyd Williams is a member of the US Supreme Court, NJ, NY, CT, PA & MA bars.

New voices for new choices: Coming together for children

By Marian Wright Edelman

Our children urgently need your help right now! This is the most dangerous time for children since the Children's Defense Fund began. As our nation wages a war against Iraq, and is anxiously preoccupied with terrorism in our post-September 11 nation and world, the Bush administration and Congress are waging a radical budget war against children at home. The Bush budget and the

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Children's needs must be met during peacetime and wartime and during economic prosperity and downturn.

Children have no voice and no votes except yours.

budgets voted by the House and the Senate bring good news to the rich and bad news to the poor, defy the prophets and the gospels, and mock American values of fair play and opportunity. They are unjust. They must be rejected for our children's and our

nation's sake.

This won't happen unless you speak up, stand up, and fight for children. So I hope you will join me this in raising a mighty voice for children in Congress on April 9th, the first day of the Children's Defense Fund's National Conference at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C., which will end April 11th. On April 9th, faith, youth, women, and community leaders from across the country will rally on Capitol Hill, visit their members of Congress, and tell them to leave no child, rather than no millionaire, behind. You need to be there with us as Congress debates and passes a budget resolution by April 15th, which will affect every single person in our nation for decades to come. If you can't come on April 9th, call or e-mail your Senators and Representatives today and keep doing it throughout the year. Urge them to:

* Vote Yes to investing in children and vote No to huge irresponsible tax cuts for millionaires.

* Vote No to efforts to dismantle Head Start, Medicaid, foster care protections and Section 8 housing for low-income people.

* Vote No to budget proposals that cut 30,000 children from child care assistance this year-200,000 over five years-while requiring

more mothers to leave welfare and to work more hours.

* Vote No to cutting 570,000 children from after-school programs.

* Vote Yes to providing Head Start and Early Head Start for all children who need them.

* Vote Yes to investing in quality child care and after-school programs for children who need them when parents work.

* Vote Yes to health coverage for all 9.2 million uninsured children and their parents.

* Vote Yes to making children a top national priority by co-sponsoring and working to enact the positive national policy vision embodied in the comprehensive Dodd-Miller Act to Leave No Child Behind (S.448/H.R.936)-not to be confused with the underfunded Bush administration's No Child Left Behind Act.

There is no moral or defensible excuse for hurting children to help millionaires. Children's needs must be met during peacetime and wartime and during economic prosperity and downturn. Children have no voice and no votes except yours. Please raise your voice today to stop the assault on the most vulnerable among us.

A lot of people are scared to come to Washington now. They are afraid of a terrorist attack and shaky about being in a state of war. I don't



know how our nation's war against Iraq will be going or what the terrorists will be doing April 9th-11th. I do know that lobbyists for massive tax cuts for millionaires and hugely increased indiscriminate military spending, and people who want to turn the clock of progress back on children, civil rights, civil liberties, and New Deal and programs like Head Start, Medicare, and Social Security, will be in Washington lobbying members of Congress for their special interests. Who will stand for children if you don't? Who will see and respond to the terrors of the children who are neglected and abused every 36 seconds, born without health insurance every 59 seconds, and killed by guns right here at home every three hours?

For more information on CDF's National Conference, call our Conference Information Line at 202-662-3646 or visit our Web site at www.childrensdefense.org.

Marian Wright Edelman is President and Founder of the Children's Defense Fund whose mission is to Leave No Child Behind

BUSINESS EXCHANGE LOOKING AT BLACK HOME ECONOMICS By William Reed

How The Gender Gap Is Affecting African-American Households

Today's Black Woman isn't the Black Woman of old. For some Black Americans, particularly Black Women, these are the best of times. Almost 50 percent of Blacks own homes and employment has gone up sharply among Black females. The African-American middle-class is growing, and its median annual household income has surpassed \$33,500.

The economic emergence of the Black female is changing the economics of the Black household. Nowadays, Black men trail Black women in educational success. That gap is widening, as is the economic clout Black women are gaining with their education.

The number of African Americans in college surged by 43 percent since the 1970's. But Black women have far outpaced Black men in both undergraduate and graduate school settings. Between 1977 and 1997, the number of bachelor's degrees awarded to Black men increased 30 percent, while the number for Black women increased by 77 percent. For master's degrees, the increases were 8 percent for black men and 39 percent for women. The 454,000 black women in the country with master's degrees more than double the 222,000 black men holding them.

The changes in Black home economics are far-reaching. As few Black males enter higher education, they continue to be rare in corporate boardrooms and others spheres of capitalistic power. As the economic gap widens at home, Black women have questions of whether they will find Black men who can carry their financial share in the household.

Black women were a major fact in African-American households having the highest median annual income ever recorded. This upward trend started in the 1990s when employment of young Black females dramatically increased. At the same time, the employment of their male counterparts stagnated, even in a period of unprecedented economic expansion. Today, Black women are more likely to work than white or Hispanic women. But, Black men are less likely to be gainfully working than their ethnic counterparts. Among non-college-educated young Blacks the gender gap is even starker. Whereas young non-college-educated Hispanic males now work at about the same rate as their white coun-

terparts, the rate for African-Americans is 30 percentage points lower. Half of young Black men are unemployed or not in the labor.

Black women are in Corporate America. They are at the professional-managerial class level - 24 percent to 17

percent for Black men. Though 14 percent of working Black women remain below the poverty level, college-educated Black women earn more than the median for working Black men. And as women in general have moved up the corporate pyramid, Black women were

increasingly part of the parade. In 2001, women held 16 percent of corporate-officer positions in Fortune 500 companies.

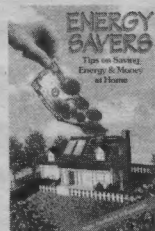
Black women now earn 96 percent of what white women earn. In a recent study of corporate women of color, Catalyst

a firm tracking women in business found that 57 percent were promoted between 1998 and 2001. The study said 62 percent of the Black women reported having mentors, up dramatically from 1998 when

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WHEN SUPERWOMAN CAN'T FLY

Doctor tackles hidden illnesses plaguing million of African-American women

New Guide, "Saving Our Last Nerve," helps Black Women overcome depression, anxiety and other mental illnesses

INDIANAPOLIS, IN — "You're getting on my last nerve!" Many African American women use this expression when they're at the end of their rope. However, for some, losing that "last nerve" can be more than a sign of exasperation; it can be a sign of a mental illness like depression. Mental illness is common among African Americans. Yet, the "superwoman" image many black women have of themselves can prevent them from taking action to protect their emotional well being. Some believe that illnesses like depression simply don't affect African Americans. But, this thinking can be counterproductive to their overall health.

Now, a new book challenges these myths. Saving Our Last

Nerve: The Black Woman's Path to Mental Health, written by Marilyn Martin, MD, MPH, medical director at Maryland Health Partners in Columbia, Md., was developed specifically for African American women struggling with mental illness. The book outlines strategies for preserving one's mental health, identifying the signs and symptoms of mental illness and seeking treatment.

"Many African Americans are unwilling to seek help for mental illnesses like depression because they believe 'black people don't get depressed.' This perception couldn't be further from the truth," said Martin. "African Americans do get depressed. Understanding what to look for and how to deal with it is the first step."

One of the most common mental illnesses, depression affects nearly 19 million Americans. While African Americans suffer from depression at rates similar to the gener-

al population, they may express the illness differently. For example, some may be more likely to suffer from "somatic symptoms" of depression such as backaches, shoulder pain and headaches, rather than from sadness. These unexplained physical symptoms may mask their depression and prevent patients from getting diagnosed and receiving help.

"For African American women it is more acceptable to feel angry, tired and 'achy' than it is to admit to being sad," said Martin. "My main message to African American women is this: You are important. Make sure you are healthy, both mentally and physically."

Saving Our Last Nerve offers a number of strategies to help African American women overcome clinical depression and other mental illnesses. These include working actively to eliminate stress, utilizing spiritual beliefs to aid the healing process and fostering a strong doctor-patient relationship.

For many people medication, such as antidepressants, will be an important part of their treatment. But not everyone feels comfortable with the concept of drug therapy. "Medication can be very helpful for managing depression," said Martin.

"It is not a sign of weakness to need it." She advises patients to work closely with their health care providers to discuss their feelings and devise strategies for managing any potential side effects of medication.

Saving Our Last Nerve was supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Eli Lilly and Company. For more information on Saving Our Last Nerve, or to order a copy, contact Hilton Publishing at 866-455-1070. To order a free brochure containing information about the signs and symptoms of depression, visit www.med.umich.edu/depression or call 800-475-6424.

Newark Beth Israel Medical Center honored as top training center at second Annual NJ ECC Awards

Newark — Newark Beth Israel Medical Center was named the top multi agency American Heart Association community training center (CTC) in New Jersey for 2001-2002 at the second annual American Heart Association New Jersey Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC) Awards program. Newark Beth Israel, the lead and coordinating hospital for the 9-hospital Saint Barnabas Health Care System, provided training to more than 23,300 people and was ranked number one in New Jersey for people trained in American Heart Association Basic Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, and Pediatric Advanced Life Support, and they ranked number two in New Jersey providing Heartsaver AED (combined CPR/defibrillator) training. Pictured are (left to right): Michael Pardi, Raymond Jones, Linda Sylvester, RN, C, director of resuscitation services and Raymond Lind.



Looking at Black Home Economic

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the number was 35 percent. This indicates Black women are overcoming one of the most significant barriers to career advancement - connecting with influential people in the work hierarchy. Though corporate types still may not see Black women as members of "the club," they feel less threatened by them than they do Black men.

The gender gap can affect the cohesion of Black families. Data collected from graduates of selective colleges and universities reveal evidence of serious marriage trouble when the wife is the dominant wage earner. The divorce rate is higher among highly educated Black women who make more money than their mates.

Elderly pain complaints tied more closely to life satisfaction than health

By Susan R. Farrer, Contributing Writer Health Behavior News Service

How much an elderly person complains about pain, gastric symptoms and other body problems may be tied more to overall well-being and life satisfaction than to actual physical health, says new research published in the journal Psychosomatics.

A German team of psychosomatic and gerontology researchers assessed 251 general hospital inpatients' body complaints and how those complaints related to demographic factors (such as age and marital status), age-related changes, life satisfaction and doctors' ratings of problems. Body complaints studied included exhaustion, gastric symptoms, pain, cardiovascular complaints and other symptoms.

The patients' average age was 75 years, and more than two-thirds (68.1 percent) of the patients were women.

"Because subjective body

complaints and medically unexplained symptoms are associated with substantial distress and frequent health care utilization, more information is needed about the predictors of these complaints, particularly in elderly patients," write Gudrun Schneider, M.D., of the Department of Psychosomatics and Psychotherapy at University Hospitals Münster and co-investigators from the Institute of Gerontology at the University of Heidelberg and the Haus Berge Geriatric Clinic of St. Elisabeth-Hospital in Essen, Germany.

The researchers found that only three factors were significantly associated with the elderly persons' body complaints: self-assessment of life satisfaction; self-assessment of age-related changes related to activities, cognitive performance and state of health; and doctors' ratings of somatization — that is, patients' physical complaints that cannot be explained by a bodily cause.

Age, gender, marital status, living arrangements and objective health-related variables were not associated with the level of subjects' body complaints.

"Complaints of psychosomatic symptoms in elderly patients have been receiving increased attention," Dr. Schneider and colleagues write. "Our results confirm those of other studies that have shown a correlation between subjective body complaints, subjective well-being, depressive mood and psychiatric disorders."

However, the researchers caution that because their study subjects were hospital inpatients, they might have had lower levels of health and functioning than other elderly patients would. Therefore, the results might not apply to elderly persons as a whole.

The research was supported by grants from the German Research Association.

Health Briefs

AGENCY SUSPENDS SMALLPOX VACCINES FOR HEART DISEASE PATIENTS

Federal health officials ordered recently that no one with a history of heart disease be vaccinated against smallpox, after seven health workers with a history of cardiac disease developed severe health problems after being vaccinated.

One of the seven vaccine recipients died, and one is on life support. The seven had clearly defined risk factors for heart disease or had heart problems. But heart problems are not known to put people at greater risk of adverse reactions to smallpox vaccine, said Dr. Julie L. Gerberding, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

STUDY PROVIDES NEW EVIDENCE THAT CRANBERRY JUICE MAY HELP FIGHT HEART DISEASE

There's more good news about cranberry juice. Based on human studies, researchers have found that drinking three glasses a day significantly raises levels of "good cholesterol" in the blood and increases plasma antioxidant levels, reducing the risk of heart disease.

Although researchers have long suspected, based on laboratory tests, that the antioxidant-rich juice may help lower risk factors for heart disease, no human studies had established such a link until now. Their findings, the first long-term study of the effect of cranberry juice on cholesterol levels, were described recently at the 225th national meeting of the American Chemical Society, the world's largest scientific society.

POT USE DURING PREGNANCY MAY DULL BABY'S BRAIN

Many studies have found marijuana to be harmful to the memory of the user, but a new study suggests that pregnant women who smoke pot can pass those cognitive problems on to their babies. The new research, in rats, has pinpointed a mechanism in the brain that could explain why smoking marijuana during pregnancy can lead to cognitive and memory problems in offspring.

Sins of the Jailed Parents

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More than 80 percent of families that are intact at the beginning of an incarceration do not survive the prison experience. If the long absence from the family does not eventually kill the relationship, then the transition back home when the husband or wife returns does.

Garry Mendez, director of the National Trust for the Development of African American Men, believes the estimates for children with a parent behind bars are modest. He is certain the numbers are more than triple what is commonly reported. Congress must be pressured to give this matter

The disproportionate incarceration of Blacks and Latinos in the United States, they said, heavily affects the already disproportionate poverty rate in these communities.

the attention it deserves, Mendez said.

"Government needs to develop housing, employment, substance abuse treatment and re-entry programs," for this crisis, he said. "Millions of grandmothers and other caregivers are struggling to raise their children's children. It's imperative that Congress support federal funding for direct financial assistance and services to these caregivers."

"Parents in prison have left behind between two and five million children. Who cares for them? Where are the benefits to assist them? How is the education of so many Black and Hispanic children affected by the loss of one or more parent or loved one? These are very serious matters to consider and it is critical that lawmakers at every level of government begin to think and act on these concerns."

Lack of an active force in the Congress to address the needs of these children, "sends the wrong message to our nation's young," Mendez said.

Native American activist Emani Davis, 24, whose father is in his 19th year of a 127-year sentence in a Virginia prison, agrees.

"In truth, government doesn't pay attention to family or children when they incarcerate," Davis said. "For this government to incarcerate two million people and having the collateral damage of the families, who are constantly denied access to services, and a government denying the problem exists, we basically end up being in the system ourselves."

"If the government's plan is to create generation after generation of incarcerated people, then they're doing a great job," Davis added.

Many faced with the dilemma of incarceration struggle silently, too ashamed to reach out for help. Activists also suggest that a direct correlation exists between poverty and families left behind as a result of incarceration. The disproportionate incarceration of Blacks and Latinos in the United States, they said, heavily affects the already disproportionate poverty rate in these communities. Women struggling to raise children alone must work multiple jobs to make ends meet. Incarcerated fathers cannot, or do not, send home child support.

Grandmothers have difficulty getting financial assistance in the rearing of their children's children and many children end up in foster care.

"In many cases we are witnessing the sins of the father passed on to the children," commented Anthony Muhammad, eastern regional prison reform minister for the Nation of Islam. "Today's criminals are often produced by their fathers," he said. The lack of presence of dad in the family structure, men not knowing how to be fathers and a parent's life of crime contribute to the problem, Muhammad said.

"If there is no contact at all between children and incarcerated parents, the chances of intergenerational imprisonment are greater," he said. With the

emphasis on the need for fathers in the lives of young men, often forgotten is the fact that daughters, too, need their fathers.

"Fathers help to reflect the beauty in a young girl's eyes. If her father is in prison and is not there to tell her she is beautiful, she will find someone else. If her mother is not there to offer a healthy role model, she could lose her way. Thus, enter teen

Historically, in Black families affected by incarceration, the guardian for the children is the grandmother, who is often, herself, overwhelmed with responsibility. Consequently, it leaves children to be raised by other children.

King was raised by her grandmother in Newark, N.J., alongside four of the grandmother's own children and six additional grandchildren. She

described her grandmother as a very spiritual and strong-willed woman.

"She was a Black woman with no man and only one leg," King recalled. "There was no doubt in my mind as to whether she loved me. But clearly, raising your children after your own can overwhelm you. I mean, we had shelter and clothes and we ate, but there were too many of us, therefore, we lacked the parenting."

"There were times I thought I was being punished

for what happened with my parents. Everyone knew my parents were both in jail and drug addicts and I was always told what I could not be. So, I decided to be the one thing no one told me I could not be. I decided to be smart," Ms. King said.

She applied herself harder in school, read every book within her grasp.

"Especially Black literature. I could escape when I read. In the books, there were no drug addicts and mom and dad never left home," she said.

The amount of stress that children with parents in prison face is almost unimaginable. They live with the daily secret of their mother's, or father's, incarceration.

Prophet, a 15-year-old Queens, N.Y. resident, admits having his father in prison all of his young life forced him to grow up fast.

"With no father figure and my mom working nights, I had to watch out for my younger brother and sister. At a certain

age, everybody knows the difference between right and wrong. As you grow, you expand in experiences and options. So you have to make the right choices," he said.

He thanks God for his mother being a force in his life that would not allow him to travel the road that led his father to prison. His first love is music and his ability to express himself through hip hop.

Prophet talks to his father and understands that his dad did not really know how to be a father. The teen is also trying to understand his father's circumstances.

Tanya King's mother has been out of prison and drug free for more than a year now. They are working to learn, know and respect each other. She lives in New Jersey and the daughter visits her as often as possible.

"It's about choices and knowing you have more options than the life that is pulling you down," King said. "What's important for government to understand is that they (children) are not just numbers. These numbers represent children with very different circumstances—children who need to learn how to cope with why mommy and daddy are gone."

This is extremely important

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to avoid anti-social situations that can cause extreme behavior such as suicide, King said.

"Until you have been in their shoes, (those) who each have a very different experience being raised without a parent or both, you're just equipped with numbers and statistics and they deserve, we deserve, more than that."



When parents are incarcerated, their children may also feel locked out of society as a result.

pregnancy," Mendez said.

As prison populations in America grow younger, fathers of these teen pregnancies are generally absent as well and the cycle of victimization continues, he noted.

Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.) saw another issue.

"The children today are robbed of the way generations of Blacks in this country have been raised," she mourned. "The way I was raised, my mother and her grandmother—even in slavery under the worse racism in America—the Black family was a unit." The Black family must be restored and the Black community as a whole must note the political importance of these issues, she said.

To be effective, there must be a greater organization and pressure put on lawmakers to fund programs that service children whose parents are incarcerated and reduce recidivism, Norton said.

MOVIES OPENING MARCH 28, 2003

BIG BUDGET FILMS



Basic (R for violence and expletives) The General's Son. High-octane drama with John Travolta as a Federal Agent on the case at an Army base, investigating the disappearance of a drill sergeant and his cadets during "Basic" training. This "murder in the military" mystery, ala The General's Daughter, co-stars Samuel L. Jackson, Taye Diggs and Giovanni Ribisi.



The Core (PG-13 for frightening, sci-fi situations and brief profanity) Earthageddon. Save the planet scenario about the day the Earth almost stood still and the intrepid terranauts who journey deep into "The Core" of the Planet to prevent the cataclysmic catastrophe from occurring. Expanded disaster flick-style cast includes Delroy Lindo, Hilary Swank, Alfie Woodard, DJ Qualls, Stanley Tucci and Aaron Eckhart.



Head of State (PG-13 for cursing, drug use and sexual references) Chris Rock comedy vehicle about a black politician who gets an unexpected shot at the US Presidency after the airplanes of the two leading candidates crash into each other. With Bernie Mac, Robin Givens and Tamala Jones.

INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

Assassination Tango (R for profanity and some violence) Political potboiler with Robert Duvall as a hit man on assignment in Argentina to kill a General who becomes mesmerized by an alluring, young tango dancer. With Ruben Blades and Luciana Pedraza.

Blue Collar Comedy Tour: The Movie (PG-13 for crude and sex-related humor) The Redneck Kings of Comedy. Concert film showcases the stand-up acts of Jeff Foxworthy, Bill Engvall, Larry the Cable Guy and Ron White, while mixing in some behind the scenes footage.

Raising Victor Vargas (R for profanity in profusion) Coming-of-age drama about a 16 year-old Dominican kid being raised by his Grandma on NY's Lower East Side. Impatient hormones has boy settling for the readily-available fat chick upstairs while still fantasizing about the juiciest chiquita at the swimming pool.

Stevie (Unrated) Hoop Prison. Another Big Brother documentary by Steve James, the director of Hoop Dreams. Here, he focuses on the ten-year odyssey of Stevie Fielding, a kid he personally mentored from the ghetto to the streets to a long prison stretch.

Unknown Pleasures (Unrated) Globalization drama, set in an impoverished Chinese city, explores the impulsive antics of a couple of hedonistic Chinese teenagers, heavily influenced by American advertising, who waste their days mimicking the materialistic ways of the West, from drinking Coca-Cola to smoking cigarettes. (In Mandarin with subtitles).

E Briefs

Check this out !

—Kim Bowman



Lyor Cohen and Def Jam found guilty



A jury has ruled that Island Def Jam Music Group and its Chairman Lyor Cohen, are guilty of fraud and willful copyright infringement for preventing the release of an album featuring Ja Rule and his group Cash Money Click (CMC). The album would've been released on TVT Records and produced by Irv Gotti. During the trial, Cohen denied that he told Gotti not to finish the project, despite evidence presented at trial that he had previously had told Gotti that he did not have permission.

Ja Rule First signed with TVT in 1994 as part of CMC and their debut album was put on hold after one of the group members was sent to prison. After the member's release in 2001, Ja Rule wanted to finish the album with Gotti as the producer but at the time Ja Rule and Gotti had signed with Def Jam. Cohen agreed to lend Ja Rule and Gotti to TVT for the CMC album.

Laurn and Nivea rumored to be pregnant

The word on the street is that singer Laurn Hill is expecting her 5th child. If it's true we would like to congratulate the mommy to be. However, we are still waiting for another album.



Oh wait we aren't done. It is rumored singer Nivea and rapper Lil Wayne are having some problems. It's floating around that she is pregnant with the Hot Boy's Lil child.

Kelly Rowland cancels European tour due to war

Euro-soulsters will have to wait to see Kelly Rowland in concert. The third of the Destiny's Child has canceled her European tour because she is "uncomfortable" traveling while the U.S. is at war.

Isley Brothers new album coming soon

DreamWorks Records has set a May 6 release date for "Body Kiss," the new album by the Isley Brothers featuring Ronald Isley, aka Mr. Biggs. The first single "What Would You Do?" is already No. 28 on Billboard's Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Singles & Tracks chart.

Toni says bye-bye to Arista



In what at first seems like a surprise development, Toni Braxton has announced that she's kicking La Reid's Arista Records to the curb and signing with Background Records, upon looking closer though, I realize that Background is owned by her manager Barry Hankerson, uncle of late R&B singer Aaliyah. Braxton's last album, "More Than A Woman" sold a mere 375,000 copies where as her previous albums were multi-platinum.

Queen Latifah brings in bank 2 weeks in a row

"Bringing Down The House", A comedy starring Queen Latifah and Steve Martin, was the number one box office draw for the second week in a row. The movie brought in \$22.4 million over the weekend pushing it's total gross to \$61.6 million in just ten days.

Ted decides to stay on board



Ted Turner said on March 19 that he would likely keep his seat on AOL Time Warner's board and that he has been pushing for some more media-savvy directors, including journalists, to be added to the slate. Turner said he thinks America Online should be split off from the rest of the company but that AOL Time Warner ought to keep its 'old-media' assets intact.

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Rock's 50 richest rock stars in 2003

Coming in at number 1 is Sir Paul McCartney with a net \$72.1 Million. McCartney is reported to be rock's first billionaire.

At number 5 is Enimen with a Net \$28.9 Million.

At number 9 is Jay-Z with a net: \$22.7 million.

At number 26 is Jennifer Lopez with a net \$12.2 Million.

At number 28 is Brian "Baby" Williams with a net \$11.8 million. Report is from Rolling Stone Magazine.

Snoop sued for using message on song



Snoop is being sued by an unnamed man for using his voice on the song "Pimp Slapp'd," which disses Suge Knight. The song, employs a 1-minute answering machine message from the man, who expressed support for Snoop. "[The man] now fears for his life...it appears he is supporting Broadus in the turf war," the complaint reads.

8 Mile

Review by Kam Williams

In case you missed it in the theater, 8 Mile is now available to buy and rent in both VHS and DVD format. The movie made over \$100 million during its theatrical run, and landed an Oscar nomination for Best Original Song (Lose Yourself).

You might understand my surprise that Eminem would try to white-wash his image, pardon the expression, with as self-serving a send-up as 8 Mile.

Billed as semi-autobiographical and set in Detroit in 1995, the film is about Rabbit (Eminem), a mythical up-and-coming rapper from the wrong side of Eight Mile Road, the arbitrary dividing line of the city's black and white communities.

Eminem, whose real name is Marshall Mathers, did begin his ascension to fame in Detroit at about that time, but this sanitized, Hollywood biopic recasts the a bad-boy wigger with an attitude as an Anti-Defamation Man of the Year candidate.

Therefore, instead of the gay bashing and gun brandishing he's famous for, we see Eminem's sensitive side. Furthermore, despite the fact that he is known to be estranged from his mother, he is presented here as a dotting, loving, overprotective son.

This utter escape into revisionist history was

directed by Oscar-winner Curtis Hanson (for LA Confidential). Eminem can act, and his supporting cast does a decent job, too. The problem is that the storyline is shallow. As the movie opens, Prodigal Rabbit is hopping home to his humble roots after breaking up with his girlfriend, Janeane (Taryn Manning). His alcoholic, trailer-trash mom (Kim Basinger), meanwhile, is trapped in a bad relationship of her own with an insufferable brute who abus-

the politically correct DJ Iz (De'Angelo Wilson), backstabber Wink (Eugene Byrd) and fat man's fat man Sol George (Omar Benson Miller). Oh, and lust interest Alex (Brittany Murphy), who floats in and out of Rabbit's life without apparent rhyme or reason.

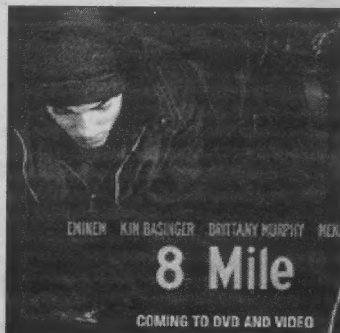
Speaking of rhyme, the flick does devote enough time to hip-hop to give the uninitiated an idea of what rap is all about. Essentially, it involves foul-mouthed, functional illiterates taking turns insulting each other on stage in iambic pentameter.

The biggest laugh in the movie, in fact, comes when Rabbit exposes an opponent as a prep-school kid from a home that isn't broken. The loser has no street credibility. The not so subtle message being, that, after all, as everyone knows, to be a real rapper, you have to keep it real. Real stupid.

Hardcore raps fans will, no doubt, appreciate the DVD's exclusive, never-before-seen Eminem rap battles showcase Eminem free styling against local Detroit rappers who auditioned to appear in the movie. It also features a never-before-seen uncensored Eminem music video of "Superman", not shown on television, behind the scenes footage of "The Making of 8 Mile" and a wide screen, anaorphic format.

Fair (1 star)

Rated R for profanity, racial epithets, violence, nudity, explicit sex, drug use, domestic violence, gunplay, and more profanity.



es her.

Rabbit's a fledgling factory worker by day and a hopeful hip-hopper by night, which is when he roams Murder City with his homies in a beat-up jalopy. Bonded by a desire for recognition and a record deal, life for them is an endless search for the next nightclub staging a slam competition.

Like Fame, Flashdance, Rocky and every other entry of the "against all odds" genre, the plot is one long build-up to a predictable climax.

Rabbit's crew includes best friend Future (Mekhi Phifer), borderline retarded Cheddar Bob (Evan Jones),

'Lackawanna Blues': a one man show comes to NJPAC

Newark — Star of stage and screen, Ruben Santiago Hudson brings his remarkable multi-character, one person tour de force play, Lackawanna Blues, to the New Jersey Performing Arts Center on Thursday, April 3.

Lackawanna Blues, written and performed by Ruben Santiago Hudson, and directed by Loretta Greco, received its world premiere in 2001 at the Public Theatre in New York City to great acclaim. The New York Times said, "Lackawanna Blues is an unashamed work of thanks, and it is so humble and warm that the honesty of its spirit is never in question...Mr. Santiago Hudson does a virtuoso turn as a performer...he passes from one identity to the next so fluidly that you barely notice the flip of the switch." For the dreamers, drifters and down and outers lucky enough to find their way to the boarding house run by a woman known simply as "Nanny," there was always hope and a hot meal waiting. Accompanied by the soulful riffs of a blues guitar, Ruben Santiago Hudson conjures up 1950s Lackawanna, NY, the bustling blue collar town of his childhood, the rough and tumble reality of life at its fringes, and the extraordinary woman who sowed goodness there.

Nanny is a figure from Santiago Hudson's past; the show is a love letter to the woman who raised him when his drug addicted mother couldn't. She did as much for many others. As he says at the beginning of the piece, shifting from voice to voice, "Nanny was better to me than my own mother. [She] took me out of



the gutter and put me on my feet. I ain't know what love was till I tasted her cooking." In Lackawanna Blues, the Tony Award winning actor recalls the inhabitants of Nanny's rooming house through the eyes of a small boy whose mother left him alone, and who was lucky enough to end up under Nanny's wing.

Ruben Santiago Hudson won the 1996 Tony Award for Best Featured Performer in August Wilson's acclaimed Seven Guitars, and made his Broadway debut opposite Gregory Hines in Jelly's Last Jam. Santiago Hudson said that he wrote Lackawanna Blues "to pay tribute to the incredible woman who was instrumental in saving my life and steering me in the right direction."

Showtimes for Lackawanna Blues are Thursday April 3 at 7:30 P.M.; Friday April 4 at 7:30 P.M.; Saturday April 5 at 2:30 P.M. & 7:30 P.M.; and Sunday April 6 at 2:30 P.M. Tickets are \$36. For more info call at 1-888-466-5722.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE TERMINATION OF
PARENTAL RIGHTS FOR THE PROPOSED
ADOPTION OF A MINOR CHILD

NOTICE OF PETITION AND HEARING TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS PENDING ADOPTION AND NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: RONALD DAVID BROWN
ADDRESS UNKNOWN

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a petition for termination of parental rights pending adoption has been filed in the above-styled court on February 24, 2003 under the above case number. There will be a hearing on the petition to terminate parental rights pending adoption on May 20, 2003 at 9:45 am before Judge George A. Sprinkle IV at Orange County Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32811, Courtroom 16-B. The court has set aside 15 minutes for this hearing. If you executed a consent to adoption or an affidavit of nonpaternity and a waiver of venue, you have the right to request that the hearing on the petition to terminate parental rights be transferred to the county in which you reside. You may object by appearing at the hearing or filing a written objection with the court.

UNDER SECTION 63.089, FLORIDA STATUTES, FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THIS NOTICE WITH THE COURT OR TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING CONSTITUTES GROUNDS UPON WHICH THE COURT SHALL END ANY PARENTAL RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING THE MINOR CHILD.

The birth mother, Shallon Hargrove, believes that you are the birth father of her minor child. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the petition on the Adoption Entity, A Chosen Child, Inc., 1516 E. Hillcrest St., Suite 200A, Orlando, FL 32803, and file the original with the clerk of the above-styled court on or before May 20, 2003 otherwise, a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

The birth mother resides in Orlando, Orange County, Florida; is 26 years old; African American; 5' 7", 210 lbs; with brown eyes and black hair. The birth mother believes that conception occurred in Newark, NJ.

The alleged birth father's name is Ronald David Brown and he is 26 years old; African American; 6' 2", 235 lbs; with brown eyes and black hair. The whereabouts of the suspected birth father is unknown to the birth mother.

There is one minor child subject to this action who is a male child, born on December 16, 2002, in Orlando, Orange County, Florida. The minor child's legal name is Joshua Hargrove. He has also been known as Baby Boy Hargrove. The minor child has not been known by any other names, is not of American Indian heritage, and does not have a social security number. The minor child is not the subject of any other custody proceeding pending in this state or any other state. The minor child is not subject to existing child support order(s) in this or any state or territory. The minor child is residing with the prospective adoptive parents pursuant to a Report of Intended Placement, dated December 18, 2002, from the child's discharge from the hospital until the present. The names and address of the prospective adoptive parents is confidential and protected by Fla. Stat. 63.162.

The name, address and telephone number of the adoption entity seeking to place the minor for adoption is: A Chosen Child, Inc., 1516 E. Hillcrest St., Suite 200A, Orlando, FL 32803; telephone number (407) 894-1599 or 1-800-339-3821

The name, address and telephone number of the division of the circuit court in which the petition is filed is: Clerk of Circuit Court, Domestic Relations Division, 425 N. Orange Ave., Rm. 320, Orlando, FL 32801; telephone number (407) 836-2054.

Notice to grandparents under Fla. Stat. 63.0425 is not required because the minor child subject to this proceeding is under the age of six months and has not resided with a grandparent for at least six months.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 5th day of March 2003

LYDIA GARDNER
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

LISA RAI
By: CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
Deputy Clerk

(COURT SEAL)

In accordance with the AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the COURT ADMINISTRATION, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Room 2130, Orlando, Florida 32801, telephone (407) 836-2303, within 2 working days of your receipt of this Notice, if you are hearing impaired, call (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, if you are voice impaired, call VOICE (v) 1-800-955-8770.

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK INVITATIONS FOR PROPOSALS REFUSE COMPACTOR SERVICE CONTRACT

The Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick will receive proposals for a Service Contract for the Refuse Compactor at Hoffman Pavilion (N.J. 22-4), 75 Neilson Street, New Brunswick, N.J. Proposed terms of documents including specifications are on file at the office of the New Brunswick Housing Authority and may be picked up between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. All proposals must be received by the New Brunswick Housing Authority, 65 Morris Street Second Floor, New Brunswick, N.J. 08901 by 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at which time all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities in taking proposals. No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty days subsequent to the opening of proposals except with the consent of the Housing Authority. All proposals shall be submitted in triplicate, and must be returned sealed and marked **SEALED PROPOSAL FOR REFUSE COMPACTOR SERVICE CONTRACT** on the envelope.

John A.H. Clarke
Executive Director

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK INVITATIONS FOR PROPOSALS EMERGENCY GENERATOR SERVICE CONTRACT

The Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick will receive proposals for a Service Contract for the Emergency Standby Generator at Hoffman Pavilion (N.J. 22-4), 75 Neilson Street, New Brunswick, N.J. Proposed terms of documents including specifications are on file at the office of the New Brunswick Housing Authority and may be picked up between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. All proposals must be received by the New Brunswick Housing Authority, 65 Morris Street Second Floor, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901 by 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at which time all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities in taking proposals. No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty days subsequent to the opening of proposals except with the consent of the Housing Authority. All proposals shall be submitted in triplicate, and must be returned sealed and marked **SEALED PROPOSAL FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE CONTRACT** on the envelope.

John A. H. Clarke
Executive Director

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
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LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FINANCIAL AUDIT

The Housing Authority of the Township of Franklin, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey at the Administrative Offices of the Authority, located at No. 1 Parkside Street, Somerset, NJ is soliciting proposals for a financial audit for fiscal year ending September 2003.

The Authority presently administers the following:

Public Housing Management - 100
Section 8 Certificate and Voucher - 134

Proposals must include submission of cost, detailing a fee structure for all services to be performed and a statement of qualification, which should include experience in auditing of HUD and FMHA programs.

All proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2003 at the Housing Authority of the Township of Franklin, 1 Parkside Street, Somerset, NJ 08873.

PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE ABOVE STATED DATE AND TIME. All interested firms should contact the Authority at the above address or by calling 732-545-9430.

DEWAYNE K. CRUSE
Executive Director

Fee Accountant: Tom Furlong, CPA, 470 Highway 79, Morganville, NJ 07751 Telephone: 732-591-2300 FAX: 732-591-6969

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AUDIT SERVICES

The Asbury Park Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park, New Jersey (the "PHA"), is requesting proposals from qualified firms to conduct an audit of its financial books and records for the Asbury Park Housing Authority's fiscal year 2003. The audit will be conducted according to the requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984, OMB Circular A133 such other requirements as may be promulgated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development or the State of New Jersey.

Proposals must be made on the proposal format available from the PHA. Interested parties can obtain a proposal format by calling Patricia Harris in the Executive Director's office at (732) 774-2660 x 913.

Proposals must be received by 10 a.m., April 4, 2003 in order to be considered.

Harold Phipps, M.B.A.
Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

ARCHITECT/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR
PHYSICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch
Garfield Court Administrative Offices
P.O. Box 337
Long Branch, NJ 07740

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch (the Authority) is soliciting specific qualifications and technical proposals from interested Architects and Engineers that are capable of providing evaluation services to determine the level of physical needs for certain developments of the Authority including cost estimates for rehabilitation and/or replacement with regard to a HOPE VI Grant.

Further information about the Authority, the scope of required services, the proposal evaluation criteria and the form of contract can be obtained from the Authority at the Garfield Court Administrative Offices anytime between the regular business hours of 9:00 AM until 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday beginning Wednesday, March 19, 2003. Questions regarding the Request for Proposal (RFP) can be directed to Robert M. Braun, AIA, the Authority's Modernization Coordinator at 732-222-3747, extension #129 or emailed to: rbraun@lhbhousing.org.

Proposals are to be submitted to the Authority no later than 4:00 PM on Friday, April 11, 2003. Proposals shall submit an original and two (2) copies of their proposal in a sealed envelope clearly labeled: PROPOSAL - PHYSICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT, with the firm's name and full address. Proposals submitted late or without due regard for the instructions to Proposers shall not be considered.

Tyrone Garrett, PHM, Executive Director
Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Fire Alarm Upgrades at Various Sites for
The Long Branch Housing Authority

Sealed bids for the Fire Alarm Upgrades at Various Sites for the Long Branch Housing Authority, Garfield Court Administration Building, located in Long Branch, NJ.

The Long Branch Housing Authority shall receive sealed bids by Wednesday, April 9, 2003 at the Administrative Offices until 11:00 AM. At 11:00 AM, all bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids must be submitted prior to the designated time for acceptance and opening of bids, and be submitted by either mail or in person by the Bidder or his agent. **NO BIDS SHALL BE ACCEPTED BY THE DESIGNATED TIME AS DETERMINED BY THE CONTRACTING OFFICER.**

All bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the Bidder and clearly labeled "Fire Alarm Upgrades at Various Sites".

The Information to Bidders, Form of Bid, Plans and Specifications may be reviewed and/or obtained at the Garfield Court Administrative Offices of the Housing Authority at any time during the regular business hours of 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday upon payment of a \$50.00 non-refundable fee per set in check or money order after 12:00 PM on Wednesday, March 19, 2003. Bidders who previously bought plans and submitted a bid for this project shall receive one (1) set at no additional cost. Telephone the Authority at 732-222-3747, extensions #126 or #129 with any questions.

All Bidders are required to submit a certified check payable to the order of the Long Branch Housing Authority in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid or a bid bond for a like sum executed by a Surety Company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and be acceptable to the Federal Government. The Bid Bond, Consent of Surety and the Performance and Payment bond must be listed in the Federal Treasury Department Circular 570.

In the event the Bidder is a Corporation or Partnership, a notarized statement must be submitted setting forth the names and addresses of all stockholders in the Corporation or Partnership who owns ten percent (10%) or greater interest therein as the case may be. Each bid must be accompanied by a certification by the Bidder regarding Equal Employment Practice, a Non-collusive Affidavit and a Statement of Compliance with bidding requirements. The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish and pay for Performance and Payment bonds in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

The Authority does not obligate itself to accept the lowest bid and reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bidding process or to accept or reject any or all bids it deemed in the best interest of the Authority.

Tyrone Garrett, PHM, Executive Director
Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch

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Calendar

Community

Clara Maass Medical Center is accepting donations of old cell phones worth between \$1 and \$20 as part of a national fundraising drive daily between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. For more info call 973-759-2154.

Global Volunteers is looking for volunteers for community project in Ghana, West Africa for three weeks during the summer. For more info call 1800-487-1074 or visit www.globalvolunteers.org.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Plainfield — Plainfield Board of Education will host its public budget hearing at Plainfield High School Library at 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Morristown — The Morristown chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will host a community career fair from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 10 MLK Ave. For more info call 201-602-0024.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

Union — Kean University invites the you to its Bi-Annual Career Day from 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in Downs Hall. For more info call 908-737-5830.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

New Brunswick — Rutgers invites prospective students and their families to its open house from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Newark — Branch Brook Park kicks off the Annual Cherry Blossom Festival in Newark and Belleville. For more info call 973-643-1611 or visit www.branchbrookpark.org.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Newark — St. James Social Services presents a forum about dangerous pharmaceutical drugs like fen-phen and a second forum on medical malpractice from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. at St. James A.M.E. Church, 588 MLK Blvd. For more info call 973-624-4007.

Jersey City — The New Jersey Chapter of the Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society will host its monthly meeting from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at 1841 Kennedy Blvd. 2nd Fl. For more info call 201-547-5262.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25 — 27

Edison — The Super Pet Expo

returns to N.J. Convention Center at Raritan. For more info call 732-417-1400 or visit www.njexpocenter.com.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29 — MAY 4

Newark — Universoul Circus is coming to Newark on its 10th Anniversary Tour. For more info call ticketmaster at 212-307-7171.

Heartbeat

ONGOING

Belleville — Clara Maass Medical Center will offer complimentary blood pressure screenings every fourth Monday of the month beginning January 27. For more info call 1-800-CLARA-MAASS.

Kearny — West Hudson Hospital offers women's alcoholic anonymous seminar at 7:30 p.m. For more info call 201-955-7556.

Irvington — Irvington General offers women's HIV/AIDS support group at 10:00 a.m. For more info call 973-275-0210.

Millburn — The Saint Barnabas Hospice and Palliative Care Center offers bereavement support group meetings every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. For more info call 973-379-2200.

Newark — WIC Program at UMDNJ offers a variety of support services to participants. Appointments are strongly recommended. For more info call 973-972-3416.

Newark — Beth Israel Medical Center offers free Breast Cancer Patient Support Group. For more info call 973-926-7609.

Newark — Beth Israel Medical Center offers a bereavement support group every second Monday each month at 6:00 p.m. For more info call 973-926-7278.

MONDAY, MARCH 31

Paterson — Barnert Hospital will offer free HIV testing where results will be known in just 20 minutes. Testing is from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For more info call 973-977-6657.

WEDNESDAYS — APRIL 2

Livingston — St. Barnabas will offer a weight management program at 6:00 p.m. For more info call 973-322-5664.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Belleville — The Women's Health Center at Clara Maass invites women to a complimentary morning of health screenings and educational presentations from 8:00



MONDAY, APRIL 21 — Paper Mill presents Ben Vereen in a performance at 8:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the musical talent of this actor and musician. For more info call 973-376-4343.

a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For more info call 973-450-2213.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

Belleville — Clara Maass will host a free seminar about pain and treatment at 10:30 a.m. For more info call 973-450-2213.

ONGOING — APRIL 31

Newark — A computer based 12-week GED course covering subject areas: Writing, Reading, Social Studies, Science and Mathematics, with a curriculum which covers life skills, job readiness and computer instruction, will be offered from Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at La Casa de Don Pedro, 39 Broadway. For more info call 973-481-4713.

Business

ONGOING

Newark — The Women's Center of Essex County College is sponsoring a series of seminars, support groups during Spring 2003 Semester. For more info call 973-877-3395.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Newark — Community Based Economic Development Institute presents a seminar for grassroots leadership in urban communities. Business owners are encouraged to attend. The Upper Room Development Center, 170 Littleton Ave. from 10:00a.m. - 1:00 p.m. For more info call 973-375-2905. RSVP by March 26.

MONDAY, APRIL 7 — 11

Somerset — Rutgers Center for Management Development invites experienced executives to a five day leadership program at the DoubleTree Hotel and

Conference Center, 200 Atrium Dr. For more info call 732-445-5526.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Newark — NJIT Procurement Center will host a free workshop for small businesses on how to do business with the federal government from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at NJIT. For more info call 973-596-3105.

Artz

ONGOING

Newark — Maize Restaurant presents Sweet and Low Thursdays featuring vocalist Denise Hamilton from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. For more info call 973-639-1200.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Newark — Talent Agent Teresa Wolf of Schiowitz/Clay/Rose, Inc. will speak at Newark School of The Arts at 12:00 p.m. For more info call 973-642-0133.

Newark — The Newark Public Library presents poets Amiri Baraka, Sonia Sanchez, Tracy Lucetz, Ruth Sanabria, Ann Waldman, and Dorothea Moore at 2:00 p.m. For more info call 973-733-3610.

WED, APRIL 2 — MAY 18

Millburn — The Paper Mill Theatre presents the play Camelot with music by Fredrick Loewe. For more info call 973-376-4343.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

Newark — African Globe Theater premieres the play, "Having Our Say", a memoir of two sisters and their rise to success. Play is all

month long. For more info call 973-642-1584.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

New York — Hip-Hop soul artist Common will perform at the Roseland Ballroom at 6:45 p.m. For more info call ticketmaster at 212-307-7171.

New York — B.B. King Blues Club presents Unity Jam, a salute to Hip-Hop music with performances by Kurtis Blow, Rob Base and other Hip-Hop pioneers at 8:00 p.m. For more info call ticketmaster at 212-307-7171.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Montclair — Trumpets Jazz Club & Restaurant presents Santi Debrano & Ringshout (Latin Samba) from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. For more info call 973-744-2600.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

New Brunswick — The State Theatre presents Blues legend B.B. King at 8:00 p.m. For more info call 732-246-7469.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

Montclair — Trumpets Jazz Club & Restaurant presents Ted Curson, host from the famous Blue Note's Late Night Jam Session from 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. For more info call 973-744-2600.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

New York — African songstress Angeliqe Kodjo will perform at B.B. King at 8:00 p.m. Kodjo's music reflects jazz, salsa, rumba, souk and makossa. For more info call ticketmaster at 212-307-7171.

Newark — NJPAC presents Dianne Reeves celebrating Sarah Vaughan and special guest The John Pizzarelli Trio at 8:00 p.m. For more info call 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

Religion

ONGOING

Newark — Greater Service Fellowship Church invites you to Sunday morning service at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday Bible study at 7:00 p.m. If you have questions, come get the answers. For more info call 973-848-1711.

Mail your calendar events and photographs at least two weeks in advance to:

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TEN YEARS Later, Reflections on Arthur Ashe

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gram continues to flourish as a training ground for young stars. Fueled by USA Tennis NJTL success stories like Venus and Serena Williams and grassroots efforts by the United States Tennis Association (USTA), USA Tennis NJTL registered chapters rose 16.5 percent from 860 in 2001 to 934 in 2002. Ashe's Legacy Lives On Ashe's legacy is carried on today by some of the most talented players on the professional tennis

circuit, including the Williams sisters and James Blake. Venus Williams is currently ranked No. 2 in the world and has won four career Grand Slam singles championships. In 2002, Serena Williams captured three Grand Slam titles — the French Open, Wimbledon and the US Open. The world was watching when she beat her older sister Venus in the finals of all three Grand Slams. The Williams vs. Williams Women's US Open Final was the top-rated sports

program on Saturday, September 7 with a 7.2 rating. Rising star James Blake honed his game while playing in the Harlem Junior Tennis Program and won his first professional tournament in 2002 — beating Andre Agassi in the semifinals and improving his world ranking from No. 212 in 2000 to No. 28 in 2002. Blake attended Harvard University where he was the No. 1 player in the college rankings and was named "Rookie of the Year" for the

2000 World Team Tennis season. He was also selected by People magazine as "the Sexiest Athlete of the Year" for 2002. With visible players like the Williams sisters and Blake leading the way, interest in tennis among African-Americans continues to grow.

African-American participation in the USA Tennis 1-2-3 program — a pathway for beginning players — constituted 23.2 percent of all participants in 2002, almost double the percentage of

African-Americans in the United States (12.3 percent, according to the 2000 U.S. Census). Ashe would have surely been proud.

It has been ten years since the world lost Arthur Ashe. But his legacy and spirit of inspiration will live on forever.

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